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**PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR
FOREIGN PRIORITY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.55(c)**

The above-identified application was filed on April 20, 2001 and a claim of priority to Chinese patent application No. 00254152.1, filed October 8, 2000 was not included in the originally filed declaration. 37 CFR § 1.55(a)(1)(i) provides that "the claim for priority must be presented during the pendency of the application, and within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior foreign application." Accordingly, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accept Applicants' unintentionally delayed claim of priority pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.55(c).

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37 CFR § 1.55(c) provides:

A petition to accept a delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) ... must be accompanied by:

- (1) The claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) ... to the prior foreign application ...;
- (2) The surcharge set forth in [37 CFR] § 1.17(t); and
- (3) A statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due ... and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.55(c), Applicants have included the claim to the foreign priority application, i.e., Chinese patent application No. 00254152.1, filed October 8, 2000, in the Application Data Sheet. A copy of the Application Data Sheet is attached herein as **Exhibit A**.

Applicants further authorize the Commissioner to charge the ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$1,370.00) surcharge for the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

Applicants further maintain that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR § 1.55(a)(1) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully maintain that the requirements set forth in 37 CFR § 1.55(c) have been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully urge the Commissioner to grant Applicants' petition for unintentionally delayed claim of foreign priority. Once the petition is granted, Applicants are entitled to the priority of

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Chinese patent application No. 00254152.1, filed October 8, 2000.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee other than the ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$1,370.00) for the surcharge for the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

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EXHIBIT A

Application Data Sheet**Application Information****RECEIVED
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Application Type:: Regular
Subject Matter:: Utility
Suggested Classification:: None
Suggested Group Art Unit:: 3635
CD-ROM or CD-R? None
Title:: Two-Ply Flooring Having A Cross-Grain Bottom Ply
Attorney Docket Number:: 746
Request for Early Publication?: No
Request for Non-Publication?: No
Suggested Drawing Figure:: 1
Total Drawing Sheets:: 3
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Petition Type:: Unintentional delayed claim of foreign priority
Secrecy Order in Parent Appl.?: No

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Domestic Priority Information

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Foreign Priority Information

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People's Republic of China	00254152.1	10/08/2000	Yes

Assignee Information

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